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be made to depend on the will of the enemy.

19. That as the prosperity of the trade and commerce of the country, is so intimately connected with the prosperity of its Revenue, we cannot withhold our apprehensions, that, if the Orders in Council are continued, the diminution, which is taking place in the public income, will shortly be much greater than it is at present.

20. That an humble petition be presented to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, praying that his Royal Highness in the name and on the behalf of his Majesty, will be graciously pleased to withdraw the said Order in Council of the 26th of April, 1809, or so to modify it, as to relieve the distresses of the country, and to prevent the still greater calamities which we are persuaded, would result from its continuance.

The gentlemen who signed the requisition to the Mayor, and others with whom they have acted, taking the circumstances into consideration, have determined not to call any Public Meeting at present on the subject; and

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
That a PETITION TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE REGENT, is now lying for signature at Mr. W. ROBINSON'S, Castle-street, praying that his Royal Highness will, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, be graciously pleased to withdraw the Order in Council of the 26th April, 1809, or so to modify it as to afford relief to the distressed state of Trade and Commerce.

December 18, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Common Council of the City of London, waited upon his Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT, at York-House, with the following Address, which was read by JOHN SILVESTER, esq. the Recorder:—

TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, REGENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The Dutiful and Loyal Address of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in common council assembled. May it please your Royal Highness:—

We, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the city of London, in common Council assembled, humbly approach your Royal Highness, on behalf of our-

selves and the community at large, with an earnest request that your Royal Highness will be graciously pleased to adopt such measures as, with the advice of the Most Honourable the Privy Council, shall seem meet, for causing a suspension of the use of grain in the distilleries of the United Kingdom such suspension appearing to us to be one of the most effectual means of preventing those serious evils which a further rise in the price of grain is at this time so obviously calculated to produce; and we further humbly beg leave to express our confident hope, that well aware, as your Royal Highness must be, of the causes of the present scanty supply of grain from foreign parts, and of the great distress that may arise therefrom, your Royal Highness, to whose justice and humanity we shall not, we trust, appeal in vain—will be graciously pleased to employ all the means in your power, by adopting measures corresponding with your royal character and disposition, to re-open to us, if it be practicable, those channels of intercourse with foreign, and especially neutral nations, which have heretofore been found so generally advantageous to his Majesty's subjects, and so good a security against those dreadful calamities which are but too often the consequence of a scarcity of the necessaries of life. Signed by order of Court,

HENRY WOODTHORPE.

To which Address his Royal Highness was pleased to return the following most gracious answer:—

I must always see with great concern the pressure arising from a deficiency in the harvest. I have directed such steps to be taken as may tend to give the earliest effect to any measures which may be adopted by Parliament for the purpose of relieving the inconveniences or evils likely to result from such deficiency... and whenever circumstances shall make it practicable, nothing shall be wanting on my part to contribute towards the restoration of commercial intercourse between this country and other nations, to the footing on which it has been usually conducted, even in the midst of war.

At an Aggregate Meeting of the Catholics of Ireland, held in Dublin, Dec. 26th 1811.

The Earl of Fingall, in the Chair.

Resolved, That it appears to us, that the General Committee of the Catholics of Ireland, appointed and assembled

for the sole and constitutional purpose of preparing petitions to the Legislature, on behalf of the Catholic people, and possessing the confidence, esteem and reverence of Irishmen of all persuasions, have been forcibly and illegally obstructed and outraged by the orders of His Grace, Charles Duke of Richmond, the present Chief Governor of Ireland, in conjunction with other persons exercising the Civil Government therein, and their prominent legal advisers.

Resolved, That in the measures pursued by the Administration of Ireland for some years, we have observed, with regret and indignation, a spirit of progressive intemperance and exasperating intolerance, arising from the impolicy of those Rulers, as well as from their ignorance of the Country they have undertaken to govern.

Resolved, That the measures springing from so improvident a spirit, call forth the loud and unqualified reprobation of his Majesty's Irish Subjects, threaten to alienate the affections of the People, and tend to extinguish their characteristic and well known ardor in pressing forward to man His Majesty's fleets, and to strengthen his Armies, so amply recruited by the Irish Roman Catholics, sinking as they are, under the heavy burden of equal taxes, without equal benefits, and that such unwise and illiberal measures are calculated to destroy the harmony and unanimity upon which, alone, can rest the prosperity, greatness, and honor of the Empire.

Resolved, that it befits the Catholics of Ireland, upon every principle of honor and prudence, fortified, as they are, by the first principles of the Constitution, and supported by the Solemn Verdict of a Jury, not to submit, in silence, to this monstrous perversion of Law, and unwarrantable abuse of temporary Power; and that being thus Oppressively Debarred, for a time, from preferring their Joint Appeal to the Legislature through the medium of Persons duly authorised, on behalf of All, for that Purpose alone, they ought, nevertheless, to resort to every constitutional means, to make known the extent and details of their degraded condition to their Fellow-subjects, and to the world.

Resolved, That a Dutiful and an Humble Address to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent be presented, so soon as the Re-

strictions on his Authority shall cease, upon the subject of the late invasion of our undoubted Right to Petition, and of the insult offered to the Catholics of Ireland.

Resolved, That the preparation and presentation of such Address be referred to a Board to consist of the following persons: —[The names of the members of the Board, in alphabetical order, then follows, as read by the secretary.]

Resolved, That neither the said Board, nor the General Committee of the Catholics of Ireland, does, or ever did, consist of persons in any manner constituted or appointed to represent, or assuming, or exercising a right to represent the People of this Kingdom, or any number or description of them, or the people of any district within the same; neither does the same consist of any persons charged with any further or other function, than that of preparing Catholic Petitions and Addresses to the different branches of the Legislature.

Resolved, That the General Committee of the Catholics of Ireland, whose firm and judicious conduct is entitled to our warmest applause and admiration, be requested to assemble in Dublin, at noon, on the 28th of February, 1812.

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of the Catholics of Ireland, are hereby given to our Protestant Brethren, who have this day honoured us with their presence, and favoured us with the highly liberal expressions of their sentiments at this momentous crisis.

Resolved, That the sincere, grateful, and ardent Thanks of this Meeting be returned to the Right Honorable Lord Viscount Netterville, for his firm, constitutional, and dignified deportment on the illegal dispersion of the Catholic Committee, on Monday last, and for his unceasing and patriotic exertions, on all occasions for the Catholic cause.

Resolved, (*with acclamation*), that the most cordial Thanks of this Meeting are due, and hereby most sincerely given to the Earl of Fingall, for his highly dignified, prudent, firm and parental conduct in the Chair this day, as well as on every other occasion when he sat as the wise Guardian of the Roman Catholics of Ireland.